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"The grass is always greener on the other side until you have to mow it." -Unknown

HW: "Summation Notation" packet homework section #1-3

AIM: What is Summation Notation?

SUMMATION (SIGMA) NOTATION

$\sum_{i=a}^n f(i) = f(a) + f(a+1) + f(a+2) + \dots + f(n)$

where i is called the **index variable**, which starts at a value of a , ends at a value of n , and moves by unit increments (increase by 1 each time).

a = start
n = finish

Exercise #1: Evaluate each of the following sums.

(a) $\sum_{i=3}^5 2i$

Start with 3

$2(3) + 2(4) + 2(5)$

$6 + 8 + 10 = 24$

(b) $\sum_{k=-1}^3 k^2$

$(-1)^2 + (0)^2 + (1)^2 + (2)^2 + (3)^2$

$1 + 0 + 1 + 4 + 9 = 15$

(c) $\sum_{j=-2}^2 2^j$

$2^{-2} + 2^{-1} + 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2$

$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + 1 + 2 + 4 = \frac{31}{4}$

(d) $\sum_{i=1}^5 (-1)^i$

$(-1)^1 + (-1)^2 + (-1)^3 + (-1)^4 + (-1)^5$

$-1 + 1 + (-1) + 1 + (-1) = -1$

(e) $\sum_{k=0}^2 (2k+1)$

$(2(0)+1) + (2(1)+1) + (2(2)+1)$

$1 + 3 + 5 = 9$

(f) $\sum_{i=1}^3 i(i+1)$

$(1(1+1)) + (2(2+1)) + (3(3+1))$

$2 + 6 + 12 = 20$

Exercise #2: Which of represents the value of $\sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{1}{i}$?

(1) $\frac{1}{10}$

(3) $\frac{25}{12}$

$\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$

(2) $\frac{9}{4}$

(4) $\frac{31}{24}$

$\frac{12}{12} + \frac{6}{12} + \frac{4}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{25}{12}$

Exercise #3: Consider the sequence defined recursively by $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}$ and $a_1 = 0$ and $a_2 = 1$. Find the

value of $\sum_{i=1}^7 a_i$

$a_4 + a_5 + a_6 + a_7$
 $\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$
 $3 + 5 + 11 + 21$
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$a_3 = 1 + 2(0) = 1$
 $a_4 = 1 + 2(1) = 3$
 $a_5 = 3 + 2(1) = 5$
 $a_6 = 5 + 2(3) = 11$
 $a_7 = 11 + 2(5) = 21$

Exercise #4: Express each sum using sigma notation. Use i as your index variable. First, consider any patterns you notice amongst the terms involved in the sum. Then, work to put these patterns into a formula and sum.

(a) $9 + 16 + 25 + \dots + 100$

$3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 + \dots + 10^2$

$$\sum_{x=3}^{10} x^2$$

(b) $-6 + -3 + 0 + 3 + \dots + 15$

$+3 \quad +3 \quad \dots$

Add 3 every time (multiply)

$$\sum_{x=-2}^5 3x$$

$$\sum_{x=-3}^4 3x+3$$

(c) $\frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{5} + 1 + 5 + \dots + 625$

$5^{-2} + 5^{-1} + 5^0 + 5^1 + 5^4$

$$\sum_{x=-2}^4 5^x$$

Exercise #5: Which of the following represents the sum $3 + 6 + 12 + 24 + 48$?

$$(1) \sum_{i=1}^5 3^i$$

$$(2) \sum_{i=0}^4 3(2)^i$$

$$(3) \sum_{i=0}^4 6^{i-1}$$

$$(4) \sum_{i=3}^{48} i$$

$3 \cdot 2^x$

Exercise #6: Some sums are more interesting than others. Determine the value of $\sum_{i=1}^{99} \left(\frac{1}{i} - \frac{1}{i+1} \right)$. Show your reasoning. This is known as a telescoping series (or sum).

$$\left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{1+1} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2+1} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3+1} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4+1} \right) \dots$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} \right) \dots \left(\frac{1}{99} - \frac{1}{100} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\left(1 - \frac{1}{100} \right)} = \frac{99}{100}$$

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